

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 28, 2003, please amend the subject application as follows:

I. IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Amended) A dummy plug for use with an associated wiring harness, the wiring harness having a connector body, two connector cavities, a flange for securing the dummy plug in place, the flange having a top surface and a bottom surface, a latch beam, two latch arms, a first length, a spacer, and a perimeter seal, the perimeter seal having two latch arm openings for receiving the latch arms, the dummy plug comprising:

18 durometer inherently lubricating silicon;
a head;
multiple ribs, the multiple ribs having a first width;
a stem, the stem having a second width, the second width being less than the first width;
a female end, the female end having a third width, the third width being less than the first width and greater than the second width, the female end having a base, the base being held in place by the associated bottom surface; and,
a second length, the second length being substantially the same as the associated first length, such that the female end is substantially flush with the associated latch arm.

2. (Currently Amended) A dummy plug for use with an associated wiring harness, the wiring harness having a first length, a latch beam, and a latch arm, the dummy plug comprising:

a first end;
a female end, the female end being capable of being inserted into an associated vacant cavity; and,
a second length, the second length being substantially the same as the associated first length.

3. (Original) The dummy plug of claim 2, wherein the dummy plug further comprises:

a head; and,
a stem.

4. (Currently Amended) The dummy plug of claim 3, wherein the stem has a second width, the female end has a third width, the third width being greater than the second width, wherein the head and the stem are capable of being inserted into an associated vacant cavity.

5. (Original) The dummy plug of claim 4, wherein the first end has a first width, the first width being greater than the third width.

6. (Currently Amended) [The dummy plug of claim 4, wherein the associated wiring harness has a flange, the flange having a top surface and a bottom surface, the female end of the dummy plug further] A dummy plug for use with an associated wiring harness, the wiring harness having a first length, a latch beam, and a latch arm, the dummy plug comprising:

a first end;
a female end;
a second length, the second length being substantially the same as the associated first length;
a head;
a stem, the stem having a second width, the female end having a third width, the third width being greater than the second width; and,
a base, the base being held in place by the associated bottom surface.

7. (Original) The dummy plug of claim 6, wherein the dummy plug has multiple ribs.

8. (Original) The dummy plug of claim 7, wherein the dummy plug is inherently lubricating silicon.

9. (Previously Amended) The dummy plug of claim 8, wherein the silicon is 18 durometer.

Claims 10-14 (Previously Withdrawn).

Please add new claims 15-21 as follows:

15. (New) The dummy plug of claim 2, wherein the female end extends outwardly and downwardly from the first end.

16. (New) The dummy plug of claim 3, wherein the female end is fixedly attached to the stem.

17. (New) The dummy plug of claim 16, wherein the stem has a second width, the female end has a third width, the third width being greater than the second width.

18. (New) The dummy plug of claim 17, wherein the first end has a first width, the first width being greater than the third width.

19. (New) The dummy plug of claim 18, wherein the female end is made of a flexible material.

20. (New) The dummy plug of claim 19, wherein the female end is made of 18 durometer self-lubricating silicon.

21. (New) The dummy plug of claim 15, wherein the dummy plug further comprises:

a base, the base extending outwardly from the first end, the female end extending downwardly from the base.